



Dept. of Public Health & Human Services, Helena

Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2006

I. Call to order

Dennis Maier, MD called to order the regular meeting of the **State Trauma Care Committee** at **1130** on **August 14, 2006** in **Helena, MT**.

II. Roll call

Roll call was conducted and the following persons were present:

Present: Drs. Dennis Maier, Brad Pickhardt and Kirby Peden, John Bleicher, Tim Sinton, William Taylor, Joe Hansen, and Jay Pottenger

Absent: Pauline Linnell, Carol Kussman, Mike McGree, Drs. Greg Moore, and Charles Swannack

Guests: Elaine Schuchard, Carolyn Bellamah, Richard Mickelson, Penny Clifton, Tracey Sinclair, Ron Martin, Kim Todd, Jennie Nemec, Bobbi Perkins, and Dayle Perrin

III. Handouts

- Agenda
- May 8th meeting minutes
- 2007 Trauma System Calendar
- Trauma Facility Resource Criteria
- Trauma Triage Criteria (Washington and Oregon)
- MT Rural Healthcare PIN Summary
- Regional Medical Assistance Team Proposal

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

V. Open issues

a) Trauma System Update – Kim Todd

The IHS (Indian Health Service) representative to the STCC position remains unfilled.

The 2007 trauma system calendar was shared.

The trauma rules which allow for trauma facility designation became effective on July 28th. The final Trauma Facility Resource Criteria were approved.

The need to develop trauma triage criteria was also discussed and examples from Washington and Oregon were shared. It was agreed that a smaller group should be formed to work on these criteria consisting of Kirby Peden, Tim Sinton, Joe Hansen, Penny Clifton and John Bleicher. Joe will provide criteria from Colorado to the group.

b) Trauma Registry Report – Jennie Nemec

The quarterly statewide trauma registry report was presented. The committee reviewed the data and provided Jennie with feedback on the information shared as well as suggestions for information for the next meeting.

c) MT Rural Healthcare Performance Improvement Network Update – Kirby Peden

A follow-up summary was provided on the trauma study completed by the PIN. The information obtained will provide a roadmap on where to start with the development of a tool box for performance improvement for the facilities participating in the study. The STCC has been requested to assist with the development of this toolbox and the group agreed.

VI. RTAC Reports

a) Western RTAC given by John Bleicher

The WRTAC meeting was held on 7-14 and hosted by Kalispell Regional Medical Center. There was no EMS meeting but the RN meeting was held. It was determined that the best attendance is achieved when the meetings are held in Missoula therefore the group elected to hold all meetings in Missoula. Eight case reviews were done and issues in dealing with trauma and pregnancy were discussed.

b) Central RTAC given by Tim Sinton

The CRTAC meeting was held on 7-20 and hosted by Benefis Healthcare in Great Falls. Trauma education and injury prevention activities were reviewed. Discussion was held on the meeting that Tim Sinton and Jennie Nemec had with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in Boise about the possibility of forming a Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) with Idaho. No cases were reviewed.

c) Eastern RTAC given by Penny Clifton

The ERTAC was held on 6-8 and was hosted by St. Vincent's Healthcare. Dr. Reynolds gave a presentation on disaster consequence management. The ERTAC is hosting this year's Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium in Billings and a planning meeting was held. The injury prevention and PI committees are developing charters. The PI committee met and did two peer reviews as requested by the transferring facility. Facilities in WY that transfer trauma patients to Billings are being included in the PI process.

VII. Sub-committee Reports

a) Information Systems / Performance Improvement (Chairperson Brad Pickhardt)

The sub-committee reviewed the detailed trauma registry information prior to the main meeting and Jennie provided a summary PowerPoint presentation of the information at the main meeting. A subgroup of this committee is to be formed to provide recommendations to the Department of trauma facility designation for the next meeting.

b) **Public Advocacy / Legislation** (Chairperson Jim Bentler)

Kim gave a summary of the Stakeholder meeting that was held in Helena on June 19th. Major topics for discussion included the trauma system starting trauma facility designation, injury prevention, education, emergency preparedness, and EMS retention and recruitment. The legislators attending strongly encouraged that to obtain effective support for upcoming safety legislation, citizens must contact their legislator and indicate how they would like them to vote on the issue.

c) **Education** (Chairperson John Bleicher)

The MT developed TEAM Trauma Course is being revised and a train the trainer course will then be conducted prior to disseminating the course. The WRTAC has held a one day course utilizing the principles of PHTLS for one of their smaller facilities and it was very well received. ATLS dates for next year are on the trauma system calendar. A method for the timely sharing of information was discussed as the committee felt that the Department website has not had well timed updates. A yahoo site is being explored and a list serve through the MT Hospital Association for performance improvement is active and we may be able to join them.

d) **Organization / Emergency Preparedness** (Chairperson Tim Sinton)

A summary of the meeting held with FEMA regarding the formation of regional medical assistance teams with the State of Idaho was reviewed. The FEMA officials were returning to Washington DC to attempt to obtain permission to initiate the process.

e) **Prevention / EMSC Oversight** (Chairperson Kirby Peden)

Support of a primary seatbelt law is a primary goal of this group. Suicide prevention activities will now be under the auspices of the county health departments. The committee is interested in facilitating the Ride Smart project in an effort to reduce the number of injured associated with horse riding. The EMSC oversight committee will be twice annually starting with the next STCC meeting. Pediatric education and equipment purchases are being planned.

VIII. Public Comment

None received.

IX. Adjournment

The **next State Trauma Care Committee** meeting will be held in Helena on **November 14, 2006**.

Dennis Maier adjourned the meeting at **1600**.

Minutes submitted by: Kim Todd, RN

Minutes approved by: Dennis Maier, MD